

Recommendation n° 70

Reintroduction of POSEI-Fisheries Programme for the Fishers of the Outermost Regions

The POSEI (Programme of Options Specifically Relating to Remoteness and Insularity) is a European Union instrument created to address the permanent structural difficulties of the Outermost Regions (ORs). Until 2014, it included a specific component dedicated to fisheries (POSEI Fisheries programme), established under [Regulation \(EC\) No 791/2007](#). This component aimed to compensate for the additional costs associated with the marketing and transport of certain fishery and aquaculture products from the ORs, resulting from their outermost status. Following its integration into the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund / European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFF/EMFAF), within the framework of additional cost compensation, this support has no longer been provided through a specific programme and has instead depended on national programmes, designed on the basis of continental realities and competing with other forms and priorities of funding.

The result has been less speed, predictability and adaptation to the realities of the outermost territories, and it is precisely for this reason that we consider it urgent to re-establish a specific POSEI-Fisheries programme, based on the model and functioning of the POSEI agriculture, capable of compensating for all the additional costs borne by fishery and aquaculture products from the ORs, while taking into account differentiated approaches and the specific particularities of each territory with regard to the activities covered by the scope of the additional cost compensation. The current EMFAF, as regards its intervention related to the compensation of additional costs, does not respond effectively when it comes to our realities — for example, during the change of programming period, whose implementation takes around two years, or in its limited speed of updating in relation to the structural and cyclical effects experienced by our sectors — thereby threatening the long-term viability of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in our regions.

The CCRUP therefore recommends to the European Commission the reintroduction of a specific POSEI-Fisheries programme, with its own rules, a dedicated financial allocation and simplified management, operating administratively in a similar manner to the current POSEI, in the context of a future evaluation of the EU Common

Fisheries Policy (Regulation No 1380/2013). This instrument should function in a flexible, adaptable and permanent way, so as to respond effectively to our specificities.

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